

**Town of Felton  
Public Hearing  
October 10, 2022  
6:00pm**

Mayor Joanne Clendaniel called the Public Hearing Meeting of Felton to order at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 10, 2022. Present at the meeting were:

**Council Members:** Mayor Joanne Clendaniel, Vice-Mayor David Kelley, Bill Brittingham and Diana Dolan-Beulah.

**Staff:** Chief Christopher Guild, Town Manager, Amy Thomas and Town Clerk, Tracey Thompson.

**Public:** Residents - Andria Paskey, Dick & Sandy Jones, Debbie Virdin, Lisa Hearing, Adam & Jana Jarrell, Steve Murphy, William & Sandra Wood, and Marquise Broom. Representative from Langan, Brian Concon and from Con Edison Clean Energy, Joe Shanahan.

**Conditional use request- Lot 6 Walnut Street- Solar Farm:**

Joe Shanahan presents that they will be leasing the property from Mr. and Mrs. Paskey with intentions to put a Solar Farm on the 14-acre lot. The lease term will be 25 years with a possible extension. The advantages for the property owner are that they still own the property and at the end of the lease the property will go back to residential. After the term of the lease, they will remove all panels, fencing and the property will look just as it did before the panels are installed. The benefits to the town are that the residents can subscribe at no cost to them and will receive a credit on their Delmarva Power bill. This is great for households that can't afford or place solar panels on their own property. Once the project is complete there will be no traffic generated, no noise, no light pollution and no waste. A service vehicle will be at the property every couple of months to service the panels and property maintenance. The panels will be 12 feet tall at the max height. They propose to install a 6-foot chain link fence along side Walnut Street. Debbie Virdin asked if this solar farm will affect property values in the town, which Joe responded that there are studies that show that having your home near a solar farm does not affect the property value. A few residents expressed that they are not against a solar farm but questioned why does it need to be in town, why not out of town limits. Joe explained the big factor on why they want it on Walnut Street is because of the location and that it is close to a substation. Joe explained that they will need to get the subscribers registered prior to installation of the panels, mailers will go to the residents and business owners in the area. Once they have their subscribers, they can start installation, and within six months the solar farm will be operational. Joe mentioned that there will be no impact to the Felton Police Department or Felton Fire Company. Adam Jarrell questioned how does that not impact the Felton Fire Company, which Joe responded by saying that they will do training with the staff of the fire company, that if there was a fire, they will be instructed on turning one switch off which then will shut down all panels.

The Public Hearing was closed @ 6:37 pm.

Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk prepared these minutes.

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